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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Melur Ramakrishnaiah

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda (US 2002/0067291A1) in view of Kim (US2002/0198767) and Findikli et al. (US PAT: 6,529,727).

Regarding claim 7, Ikeda discloses a method of handling toll payments to a wireless toll payment service via wireless communication network having a plurality of base stations (3, fig. 1) and mobile switching center (reads on 4, fig. 1), the method comprising: sensing via a third network element (3, fig. 1) that subscriber has a wireless communication device (1, fig. 1) that is within the range of a base station (3, fig. 1) located at a toll plaza (11, fig. 1, paragraphs: 0030-0039).

Ikeda differs from claim 7 in that he does not specifically teach the following: receiving a wireless toll payment service subscription request from the subscriber at a mobile switching center in the network, receiving a wireless toll payment activation request from the subscriber at a mobile switching center in the network, billing the subscriber for a toll if the subscriber has subscriber to the toll payment service and has activated toll payment service.

However, Kim discloses fee collection and method of motor vehicle which teaches the following: billing the subscriber for a toll to his telephone bill (paragraphs:

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0057-0059); however, neither Ikeda nor Kim specifically teach the following: receiving a wireless toll payment service subscription request from the subscriber at a mobile switching center in the network, receiving a wireless toll payment activation request from the subscriber at a mobile switching center in the network. However, it is well known to go through activation procedure in order to receive services from mobile communication system by using MSC as evidenced by Findikli (col. 6 lines 1-40).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Ikeda's system to provide for the following: receiving a wireless toll payment service subscription request from the subscriber at a mobile switching center in the network, receiving a wireless toll payment activation request from the subscriber at a mobile switching center in the network, billing the subscriber for a toll if the subscriber has subscriber to the toll payment service and has activated toll payment service as this arrangement would provide an alternative method for paying tolls by including in mobile telephone charges as taught by Ikeda, thus facilitating user convenience.

3. Claims 1-6 and 8-11 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melur Ramakrishnaiah whose telephone number is (571)272-8098. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 Hr schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curt Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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